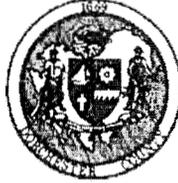


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March 28, 2012

Ms. Beverley K. Swaim-Staley, Secretary  
Maryland Department of Transportation  
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**Re: Dorchester County Highway Priorities 2012**

Dear Secretary Swain-Staley:

The Dorchester County Council is submitting the following list of potential transportation improvements along State Highways in Dorchester County for future State of Maryland funding consideration.

The following is a list of projects that have previously been requested since 2007.

- MD Route 343 (Washington Street) between U.S. Route 50 and Crusader Road – heavy volumes of peak hour and summer traffic leaving, crossing and entering U.S. Route 50. The geometric configuration of this corridor coupled with the heavy traffic volumes creates serious capacity and safety issues. Improvements such as geometric reconfiguration, widening and additional signalization should be considered.
- MD Route 343 (Washington Street) between Leonards Lane and U.S. Route 50 – increased volumes of traffic from Neck District and development in west Cambridge will continue to add to congestion problems. Widening of the section is needed or a new bypass from MD Route 343 to Bayly Road/MD Route 16 would eliminate this bottleneck.
- MD Route 16 from Dailsville Road to U.S. Route 50 – continued development in the area of Cambridge will increase the volume and congestion along this section of roadway. Future improvements and/or preliminary design of improvements should be considered.



- Woods Road from U.S. Route 50 to MD Route 16 – presently a County maintained roadway. MD Route 16 improvements should consider converting this section of Woods Road to a State Highway as it is heavily utilized as access between U.S. Route 50 and MD Route 16 as well as access to the State Hospital.
- Church Creek Streetscape Project – provide funding for design finalization and construction.
- Road Reconstruction
  - US Route 50 between MD 16 and Old Ocean Gateway, access control improvements.
  - MD 14 between MD 331 and MD 313, two lane reconstruct;
  - MD 16 between US 50 and MD 392, divided highway reconstruct;
  - MD 16 between MD 392 and north limits of East New Market, two lane reconstruct;
  - MD 16 between north limits of East New Market and 0.7 miles south of MD 331, two lane reconstruct.

In addition we would like to bring your attention to the following highway concerns that need to be addressed:

- Golden Hill Road; MD 336 to structure 9010 over Blackwater River; resurface
- Hooper Island Road; state maintenance to mile point 3.65 and structure 9013 to structure 9012; resurface
- Golden Hill Road; South of structure 9018 over Birch Dam Creek to MD 16; resurface
- Provisions for a bicycle lane on Golden Hill Road (MD 335) in the Blackwater Refuge area.
- Repaving of MD 16 in Church Creek from Brannock's Neck Road to Golden Hill Road.
- Repaving of MD 331 through the town of Hurlock
- Neilson Street, town of Hurlock. This street is presently Town maintained. The street should become part of the State Road system as it is heavily utilized by truck traffic for access between State Routes MD 392 and MD 307 to avoid driving through Town on State Route MD 331.
- Provide traffic control devices at the intersection of Aireys Spur Road (west end) and U.S. Route 50.
- Correction of visibility issues for traffic crossing U.S. Route 50 in the area of Whitehall, Elks Lodge and Percy May Roads (associated with recent installation of guardrails).

- Correction of access limitations for farm equipment to access property along U.S. Route 50 between Big Mill Pond and Vienna (associated with recent installation of guardrails).

Your cooperation and assistance is greatly appreciated. Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

**DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL**



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President

cc: Senator Richard Colburn  
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## Kelly Bell

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**From:** Janine Fratantuono on behalf of Beverley Swaim-Staley  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2012 9:52 AM  
**To:** Kelly Bell; Don Halligan  
**Subject:** FW: Dorchester County Highway Priorities 2012  
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Kelly - Pls log

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**From:** Donna Lane [<mailto:dlane@docogonet.com>]  
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**Subject:** Dorchester County Highway Priorities 2012

Secretary Swaim-Staley,

Attached please find a letter from the County Council regarding Dorchester County's highway priorities for 2012. The original letter has been mailed.

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